



## Trick-or-treaters hit by truck

By Eric Davis  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A man driving a truck hit two trick-or-treaters Friday evening, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Bryon Gatewood, the driver of a Nissan Frontier, hit Charice Drake, 13, and his younger brother Cameron, 11, as they crossed at the intersection of Kimball Avenue and Candlewood Drive.

According to the report, Gatewood stopped to let trick-or-treaters pass but started to move before the brothers were finished crossing.

Police do not believe alcohol to be a factor in the accident, said RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup.

Charice was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center with a broken collarbone while his brother was treated by EMS for minor cuts and scrapes.

Gatewood was issued a citation for failure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, according to the report.

## Student stabbed at party Saturday

By Eric Davis  
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One man was stabbed early Saturday morning outside of a Halloween party at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Tyler Fowler, 21, allegedly stabbed Jacob Piscal, 20, on the left side of his body after an altercation, according to the report.

Fowler was at the party and was escorted out by members of the fraternity. Once outside, Fowler entered a screaming match with two men, and pulled out a knife, according to the report.

Allegedly, with the first swipe of his knife, Fowler stabbed Piscal, who later was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center with a 3- to 4-inch cut above his hip.

According to the report, Fowler then tried to stab Grant Damas, 21, but was unsuccessful.

Police arrived on the scene and arrested Fowler, who was charged with aggravated battery and attempted battery.

Fowler was arrested and held on \$5,000 bond.

## Bottoms up

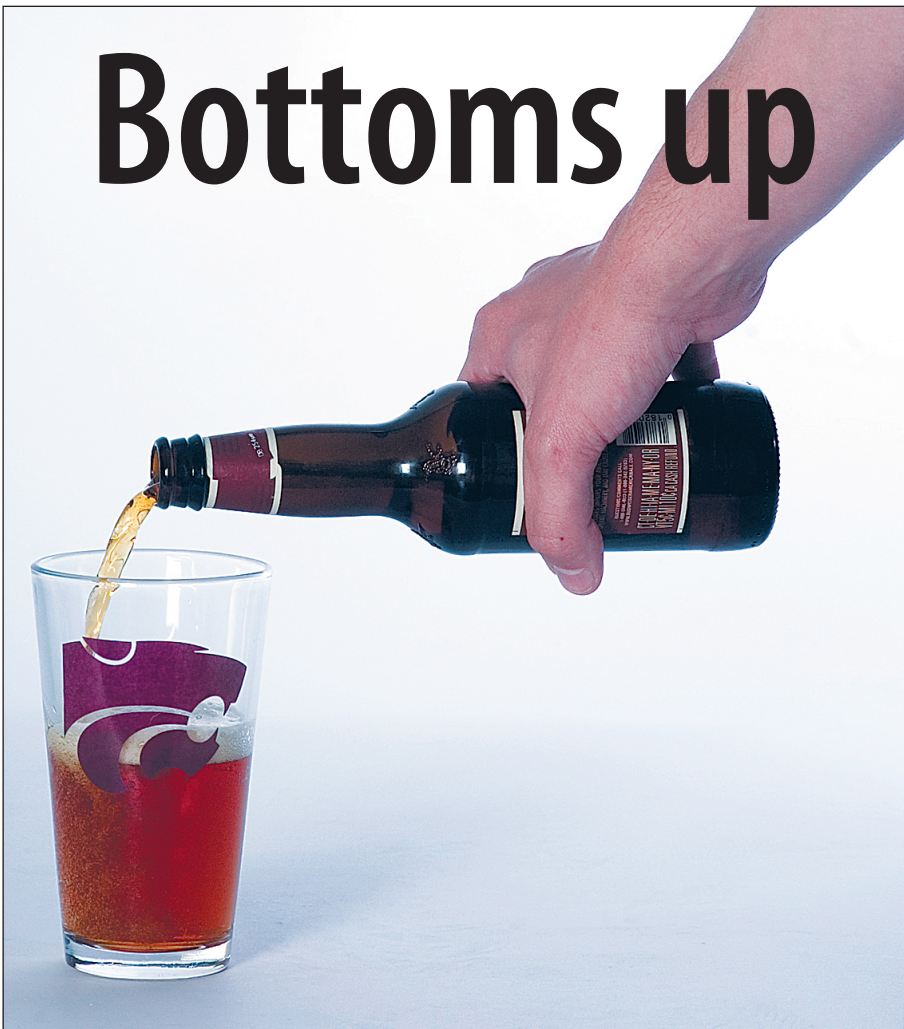


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## Study shows more Americans drinking less; most K-State students fail to follow trend

By Sydney Eagleton  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Americans are drinking less alcohol than in past decades, according to a recent article in U.S. News and World Report.

At K-State, those findings are not necessarily reflected.

"There is a small percentage of students that has slightly increased over the years who report that they don't consume alcohol," said Bill Arck, K-State director of counseling services. "However, I don't see anything that would indicate that overall drinking has decreased."

The study discussing the national trend was conducted over a 55-year period by Dr. R. Curtis Ellison, professor of medicine and public health at Boston University School of Medicine. He interviewed 8,000 participants about their alcohol consumption every four years during the study.

The findings revealed that "moderate drinking has been increasing; heavy drinking is down a little bit and total alcohol consumption is down a little bit," Ellison said in the article.

While there has been a decrease in consumption of beer, wine consumption had increased among the study participants. Average liquor consumption has stayed about the same.

Additionally, according to a Sept. 14 article in the New York Post, the number of New Yorkers opting out of drinking is increasing. The trend does not appear to be based on health issues but rather ambition.

"They're hoping that not nursing a hangover at work will give them a competitive edge in a tight job market," according to the article.

Kevin Neitzel,

owner of The Fridge Wholesale Liquor in Manhattan, said while liquor sales to the student-age population have stayed the same, they have seen decreases in sales to other ages.

"We've seen less and less middle-aged people drinking," Neitzel said. "The 26- to 40-year-olds, we have less and less of that age group drinking."

However, there might have been some limitations in Ellison's study that make it hard to apply it to all Americans, said Arck.

"This study was done entirely in a white, middle-class, Massachusetts town," Arck said. "That's the major flaw with this."

Arck said he has not seen the trends reported in Ellison's study reflected in K-State students. Drinking trends in Manhattan have stayed relatively constant over the years, he said, though women are drinking more, and more often.

A report released in 2006 by Join Together, a program providing information on the advancement of effective alcohol and drug policy, states that "young women in the U.K. and the U.S. drank a third more alcohol by volume in 2004 than they did five years prior."

Historically, in times of stress and war, alcohol use goes up, Arck said. If that's true, alcohol consumption would have been lower in the past when times were good as opposed to now, with the war and a bad economy, he said.

In a separate report released by Join Together, researchers found while "about the same number of Americans are drinking, those who do consume alcohol are drinking on more occasions and downing more drinks at a sitting."

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## Professor challenges new study's findings on drinking, brain shrinkage

By Joel Aschbrenner  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Having a beer or two after class might be more harmful to students than previously suspected.

A recent study's results show a correlation between the amount of alcohol an individual drinks and the amount that person's brain shrinks.

The study measured the brain size and drinking tendencies of nearly 2,000 adults between 1999 and 2001. Researchers found that subjects who never drank alcohol had brains that occupied on average 78.6 percent of their craniums. Moderate drinkers' brains took up 77.8 percent of their cranial space, while heavier drinkers had brains that took up 77.2 percent of their craniums.

Stephen Kiefer, a psychology professor at K-State who studies alcohol's effects on memory functions, said the study shows a correlation between brain size and alcohol consumption but does not prove causation.

"What they are suggesting is that drinking shrinks your brain," he said. "You could conceive that it may be the other way around: having a smaller brain may cause you to drink more."

As people age, their brains naturally shrink by almost 2 percent every 10 years. The study, which was published in the Archives of Neurology, challenges the idea that drinking in moderation can slow this process by improving blood flow to the brain.

The authors of the study called for more research to show validity in their findings. Kiefer said he thought a long-term study on the subject was necessary to confirm the findings.

Kiefer said he wasn't sure how meaningful the results were, even if they were statistically reliable, because the study did not show what parts of the brain were shrinking.

"You're talking about an organ that has a huge number of parts," he said. "If you say a smaller brain, what does that mean? Where is it smaller? That is an important thing."

The study did not show the significance of a smaller brain, as researchers did not test subjects' memory or other cognitive functions in relation to their brain size and drinking habits.

"Personally I think it's kind of a scare tactic, to say 'Oh, even if you have a little to drink you're going to shrink your brain,'" Kiefer said.

Bill Arck, director of counseling services, said he thinks many students do not realize the potential they have to harm themselves.

"I think there may be a gap between information and knowledge about the effects and behavior," he said. "Having the information is not as important as adjusting behavior."

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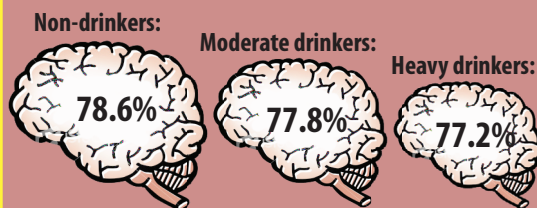


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After bearing witness to the testimonies of comfort women throughout Asia, **Paula Allen**, activist photojournalist, tells the stories of individual women who have broken their silence since 1991. Allen shared three photo projects she shot about the sexual violence perpetrated against women and girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the story of women in Calama, Chile.

## Photojournalist captures women's survivor stories

By Amanda Keim  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Photojournalist Paula Allen has captured the road towards justice for the women of the Philippines, Chile, Korea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the lens of her camera.

Allen presented a photo essay as part of the UFM Lou Douglas Lecture series Monday night. Allen presented her photos before a packed Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union.

"She is a photojournalist, but she's more than your standard photojournalist," Linda Teener, UFM executive director, said. "She follows her stories. She calls herself an activist with a camera. She doesn't jump in and take a picture – she learns

about what's going on."

Allen presented photos in the form of stories. She began with a story from a black and white photo of one woman walking alone through the desert of Calama, Chile. The following photos, along with Allen's words, told the stories of women whose husbands, sons, brothers and fathers had been executed and disappeared.

In the Philippines and Korea, Allen captured the story of women deemed "comfort women." They were women who were stolen and deceptively recruited to a life of rape and torture. Allen said an estimated 200,000 women were subjected to this cruelty.

Lastly, Allen presented the situation of

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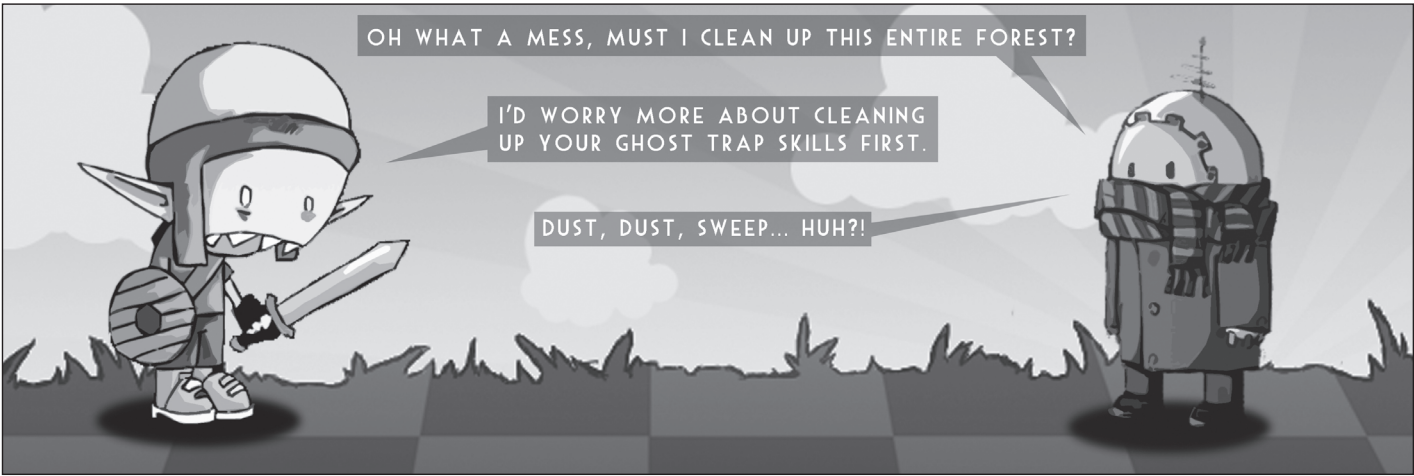
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THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

FRIDAY
Sarah Elizabeth Thompson, 724 Laramie St., was arrested at 8 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.
Raymond Lloyd Gallant, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 11:45 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,500.
Joseph Michael Bartels II, 2004 Tunstall Circle, was arrested at 2:40 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.
Dane Michael Gentry, Concordia, Kan., was arrested at 3:45 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.
Patience Jayme Knight, 3107 Freeman Circle, was arrested at 4 p.m. for falsely reporting a crime. Bond was set at \$1,500.
Jonathan Terrell Nobles, Junction City, was arrested at 9:24 p.m. for criminal trespass. Bond was set at \$750.
James Francis Murphy, Fort Riley, was arrested at 11:04 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

SATURDAY
Tyler Wayne Fowler, New Cambria, Kan., was arrested at 1:51 a.m. for aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$5,000.
Kristen Marie Markley, 2215 College Ave., Apt. 308B, was arrested at 1:55 a.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.
Anthony Brian Bingham, 1417 Highland Drive, was arrested at 2 a.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.
Jasper R. Wilkins, El Paso, Texas, was arrested at 2 a.m. for theft, criminal deprivation of property and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,500.
Adam Joseph Chilako, Fort Riley, was arrested at 2:50 a.m. for battery against a law enforcement officer, obstruction

of the legal process and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$6,000.
Daniel Michael Marshall, 1508 Humboldt St., was arrested at 4:10 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.
Richard Lee Green, homeless, was arrested at 1 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$7,500.
Richard Dean Cole, Lawrence, was arrested at 7:28 p.m. for prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$1,000.
Donald Joseph Skelly, 2404 Purcells Mill, was arrested at 11:02 p.m. for driving under the influence and unlawful transportation of liquor in opened containers. Bond was set at \$750.

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Alpha Kappa Psi will be host to its second-annual Poker Run from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Aggieville. All the proceeds will benefit the Rebecca Tribble Memorial Scholarship. The event will begin at Varney's Bookstore. The cost is \$5 for one game piece or \$20 for five. The winning hand wins a PlayStation 3.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Lucas Baker at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday in Throckmorton 2002.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of John Persyn at 12:30 p.m. Friday in Bluemont 21.

information, call 785-532-6980.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, [www.k-state.edu/lafene](http://www.k-state.edu/lafene), for vaccine dates/times and information.

Wildcat Warm-up student director applications are due Nov. 10. Applications and more information are available at [www.k-state.edu/nss/positions](http://www.k-state.edu/nss/positions), or call 785-532-6237 for more information.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts

presents the madcap Roaring Twenties musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and students are \$5. Tickets go on sale Wednesday. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Zhongwen Tang at 3 p.m. Nov. 17 in Kramer 120.

The Student Organization for Cultural Studies Student Film Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in K-State Student Union 212. Admission is free.

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If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail [collegian@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:collegian@pub.ksu.edu).



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# Commission to discuss City Park pool, public day care

**By Brandon Steinert**  
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The Manhattan City Commission has five items on the general agenda for the city commission meeting at 7 tonight at City Hall, ranging from the replacement of the City Park Pool to funding for public day care services.

Commissioners will hear the second reading of a charter ordinance to increase the number of candidates required to hold a primary election for public offices in Manhattan. Before July 1, only two candidates were allowed to run for a public office in a general election in Kansas, so if three candidates filed, a primary was held. New state legislation now allows up to three candidates per office.

The city commission has three open seats during its election cycle, which means 10 candidates would have to file before a primary would be required. The same legislation also prohibits a primary unless two or more candidates would be

eliminated, which means 11 candidates would have to file.

The charter ordinance is intended to clear up the ambiguity and set the limit at 10 candidates, unless otherwise specified by the commission.

Last week the commission heard the first reading of the ordinance, which passed 3-1-0. The commissioners encouraged citizens to attend tonight's meeting and provide public feedback on the issue.

The Manhattan Day Care and Learning Center has requested immediate access to its approved Social Services Advisory Board allocation for 2009. The amount would be \$65,000, but it would be drawn on an as-needed basis to cover operating shortfalls, according to the agenda. The MDCLC would also be able to expand its capacity from 56 children to 175 with the allocation.

A performance hearing will take place to update the commission on the Manhattan Emergency Shelter Project. The hearing is part of the closeout process of a state grant

given to assist in the shelter's construction, which was contracted out for \$1.2 million. The commission will then be open to public comment.

Structural problems with the City Park Pool caused it to be permanently closed this summer. The pool will be demolished and replaced if the item is approved tonight. The replacement pool will not be finished until 2010, and a splash pad has been proposed as compensation for the lack of water recreation. It could be implemented before summer 2009.

A lease agreement between Manhattan and AT&T has been drafted and will be presented at tonight's meeting. The lease, if approved, will allow AT&T to construct a 100-foot cell-phone tower with capacity for three service providers.

The monthly rental revenue to the city will be \$1,200. The rate is set to increase by 15 percent every five years the lease is renewed. The tower would be adjacent to the CiCo Park water tank.

# Manhattan votes on smoking ban today

**By Adam Pham and Corene Brisendine**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Months of debate about an indoor smoking ban in Manhattan will culminate today in a vote on a topic that has inspired mixed feelings.

"I've actually been in favor of an ordinance," said Rich Markle, owner of Rock-A-Belly Deli. "This one, however, seems unnecessarily restrictive."

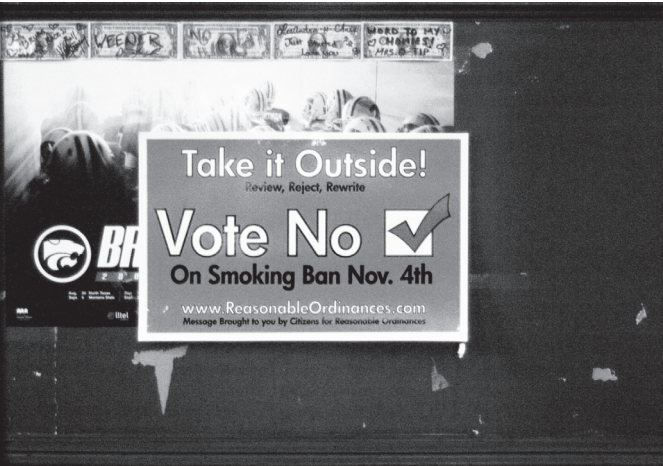
The proposed ordinance by the Clean Air Manhattan coalition stipulates a twenty-foot berth between any smoker and any public building, mandates progressive fines for violators and does not make exceptions for outdoor patios or seating. It does not, however, explicitly ban smoking at municipal parks, parking lots, streets, outdoor events or golf courses.

General public opinion also demonstrates mixed feelings. The Manhattan City Commission decided not to vote on the ordinance, deferring it instead to a referendum on the November ballot during the Aug. 28 meeting.

"As a smoker," Russell Hacker, manager of Jimmy John's, said "it isn't even the ban inside these places that actually bothers me, because that's fairly understandable, but it's that we'll no longer be able to escape to the patios to smoke. After all, many of them were specifically designated for that purpose."

The K-State Student Senate passed a resolution in favor of the ordinance by a substantial majority during the Oct. 10 Student Governing Association meeting.

Adam Peyton, owner of the downtown restaurant



**Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN**  
"Vote No" signs like this one have been a frequent sight in Aggieville restaurants and downtown Manhattan.

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# International anglers to compete at bass fishing championship at Milford Lake

**By Corene Brisendine**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society will host the BASS Federation Nation Championship starting today at Milford Lake.

This is the first time BASS has held this event at Milford Lake. Anglers from all over the world will compete against each other in hopes of earning a spot in the 2009 Bassmaster Classic in February in Shreveport, La.

"The anglers qualified through a series of other events," said Anthony Bartkowski, communications director for BASS and ESPN Outdoors. "Only the top six winners [or the winner of six geographical divisions] from the federation nation event will move onto the Bassmaster Classic."

The 55 competitors include returning champion Jeff Freeman of Max Meadows, Va., Paralyzed Veter-

ans of America Bass Tour champion Dean Morris of Tavares, Fla., six Foreign Federation Nation champions and 47 State Foreign Federation Nation champions. The foreign champions are Gerry Jooste of Harare, Zimbabwe, Mike Desforges of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, Simone Bruccoleri of Italy, Justy Varkevisher of South Africa, Victor Calvillo of Mexico and Katsumori Mitsuhashi of Japan. The Kansas Federation Na-

tion champion is Matt King of Olathe, Kan.

The top overall winner will receive the BASS Federation Nation Championship title, a Skeeter/Yamaha boat package worth \$64,810 and a guaranteed spot at next year's tournament, according to a press release.

Today, anglers are given the opportunity to scout possible fishing sites with a practice day. The tournament officially starts tomorrow at 7 a.m. The competitors will have until 3 p.m. each day during the three-day tournament to catch the biggest bass lurking under the surface of Milford Lake.

Bartowski said the event is free and open to the public until the event ends Friday at 3 p.m. when the final weigh-in will take place and the winners will be announced.

"People can come out and watch them launch, sing the national anthem and watch the boats take off as

the sun rises, and the weigh-in's always a popular event," Bartkowski said. "People can watch the anglers walk across the stage, weigh the fish and hold up any big fish they may have - it's actually an entertaining show."

On Saturday, the Junior Bassmaster World Championship will take place at Geary County State Lake, while the Bassmaster CastingKids National Championship will be contested at Junction City High School.

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**Last** night, I turned my clocks back an hour, and by the time I had finished, my ass turned to Jell-O.

**To** the very tall, attractive guy at the 4:30 math: How about same place, same time come Sunday?

**To** the guy who yelled at me to learn how to drive: I can drive, you need to learn how to walk.

**"Hunger** Banquet." Are they trying to be funny?

**Hey**, Fourum, testicles. That is all.

**Concerned** citizens should vote Jamal.

**To** the person who's leaving love letters in my mailbox: Just grow a pair and knock on my door.

**Halloween's** over, it's officially hand-turkey season.

**Just** like all dogs go to heaven, all douche bags go to Lawrence.

**To** the girl who bought me at the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" auction: Give me your number. Bye.

**Eric**, thanks for saving me Thursday, but I'm really sorry I puked in your sink.

**Hey**, we gotta call the Fourum.

I don't know which is worse — K-State's defense or the Derb's food.

**To** the girl in the corset and garter belt that bought my friend at the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" auction: He totally wants to meet you.

**K-State** doesn't have to buy out Prince's contract; that's what rich alumni are for.

**David**, you are my prince charming and I'm your princess.

**Dear** Collegian, Molly Hamm is hot.

**The** Obama symbol might as well be the swastika.

**The** bald-headed Russian isn't really bald.

**To** the Cinderella at Pike on Sunday: Can I be your Prince Charming?



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# Any abstentions?

## Citizens should vote willingly, not to fulfill obligation



ADAM PHAM

As I completed my ballot last week — absentee from Leawood, Kan., mostly but not entirely for Democrats, with many minor elections left blank — I began to mull over whether I was fulfilling a genuine obligation or just engaging in a kind of civic masturbation.

Do we, as responsible members of this republic, have a citizen's duty to vote? And if we do, on what grounds ought we feel compelled to exercise it?

One justification often given by people of a vague righteousness is we must "uphold the process." Of course, this is true; someone must vote, or the notion of functional democracy vanishes. But this is not actually much of a systemic concern, because someone always does.

In fact, certain constituencies (the financially interested, the policy wonks and the culture warriors) always vote. And why wouldn't they? Their unique diligence usually allows them to have it their way. It's a curious idiosyncrasy of our collective political personality that we require prompting to act in our own self-interest.

But those notorious demons haunt us — especially those who find themselves electorally disenfranchised — with words of discouragement. "You have no voice, and you never will," they whisper in our ears, or perhaps, "You're always voting

for hegemony no matter which way you pull the lever."

They dare us to eschew the long lines, the propaganda and the misery, and to allow history to wash over us as observers, rather than participants.

Unfortunately, though these are not sufficient excuses to stay home, their rejection doesn't exactly provide moral impetus to vote, either. We have been bestowed the option to voice our opinion and such an option includes the privilege of silence. While there might occasionally be good reasons to abstain, we must not forget that this decision is itself a rational choice for which we can be held accountable.

It's a right Americans are free to exercise, but one they shouldn't use thoughtlessly, for if they do, they have forfeited not their right to be a pundit — anyone with a bit of wit and a winning smile can become such a creature — they have forfeited the right for their commentary to be taken seriously, both by others and by themselves.

Joseph Schumpeter was fond of saying the ballot is stronger

than the bullet, but why the separation? History is overrun with examples of one being used as means to the other. To these designs, we owe if not the pull of the lever for one shill or another, then an abstention rooted in care and decisiveness rather than a yawning laziness and apathy.

But we should, further, positively desire to lend our voices to the chorus. We should never allow our faculties of opinion to atrophy. We should never allow the capricious cultural zeitgeist built on the shoulders of others to command our own whims. We should never stifle or mute our outrage and indignation at injustice. We should never tire of persecuting our leaders, holding them to the fire and enjoying watching them burn. It's good for us, but it's not bad for them, either.

And perhaps most of all, we should never forget what it felt like to be without a voice, without the right to protest for one and without the hope that we ever could.

These are not the virtues of a contrarian; they are those of a Democrat. Vote or don't — it won't be the worst reason you've ever skipped class — but do so not for the process, but for yourself.

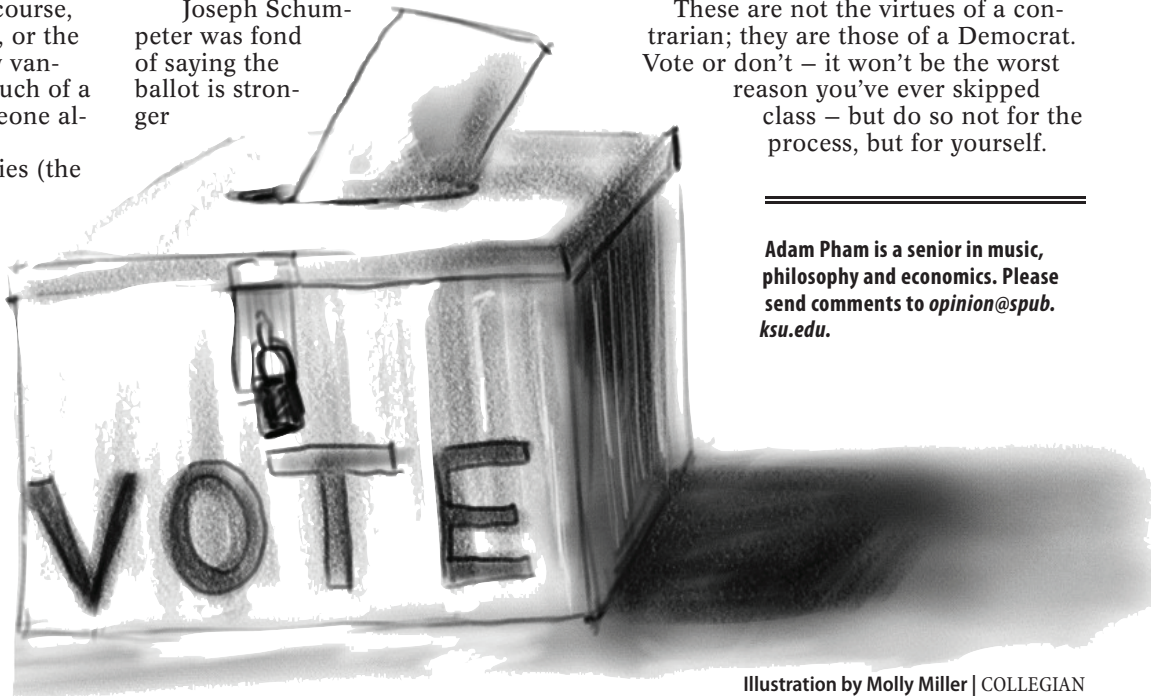


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# Candidates deserve praise for more graceful conduct



JIM BANKS

The campaigns are taking on a new element now that all the negative campaigning has slowed down.

Though Obama is still trying to shake off the "socialist" label, it seems both of the campaigns are quieting down so people can really take a serious look at things and make a truly informed decision.

I have stated that negative campaigning only had negative effects on the candidates' respective campaigns. This still holds true, which is why I would like to take the opportunity this week to thank the candidates for doing the respectful thing and not making so much noise.

I would like to

thank them for not slinging any mud so close to Election Day. I know it might be tempting to stir up crowds and give an opponent strange labels (I'm talking to you, Sarah Palin), but there's nothing that looks better than keeping your dignity intact.

You might not be apologizing for all of the nasty things you said about each other, but that's OK. I still forgive you.

I would also like to thank the candidates for not taking the circus as far as it could have gone. Oh, yes, it's been a crazy year. We've all heard things about Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Bill Ayers, Troopergate and everyone's favorite meaningless political symbol: Joe the Plumber.

Though campaigning seemed to go into its "dark place" a few months ago, it seems that both

parties have stopped throwing their tantrums and are ready to reap what they've sowed, whether it be victory or not.

And lastly, I'd like to thank one of the candidates in advance for being a good sport. There will, of course, be one loser in the election, and though it's yet to be seen who that is, I'd like to thank this person for going out (hopefully) in a gracious, professional and subdued manner.

There's always next election, and you never know; maybe in that four-year break you can really come up with a zinger of a campaign slogan. Doesn't that sound neat?

So, in true Election Day tradition, I'd like to encourage everyone to go out and vote. Use the information candidates have given us to make your choice, and do it wisely. Take the time to make an informed and thoughtful decision.

Regardless of whom you pick, just be sure to do it wisely and keep in mind that whoever you vote for might lead the United States. Have fun, and may the best man win.



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TO THE POINT

# No endorsements here; just be sure to vote however you like

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Most papers across the country have endorsed one of the presidential candidates. For example, the Chicago Tribune, the Anchorage Daily News and the

Baltimore Sun have all endorsed Barack Obama, whereas the New York Post, the Baltimore Examiner and the Boston Herald have all endorsed John McCain.

We at the Collegian considered endorsing a candidate, however we could come to no agreement as to who to choose. As

a whole, the editorial board is a mixed group. We have liberals, conservatives and independents working here, so we feel it would be misrepresentative of our staff to choose one candidate.

Also, we were split on whether it would be a good idea in the first place to endorse

a candidate. Some editors feel that endorsing a candidate would make people see us as a politically slanted news source. We strive for equal and unbiased reporting and endorsing a candidate could inhibit our ability to do this.

K-State is an incredibly diverse campus and we are proud

of our differences. The editors of the Collegian chose to represent the student body by not supporting one candidate, but by letting each of the staff members go their own way. We will all be voting and we hope all K-State students have already voted or will head to the polls today.

GREEN LIVING

Candidates' "green" ideas should be considered



MOLLY HAMM

Election Day is finally here. If you are like many Americans, you are probably either headed to the polls or already have cast your ballot.

As this column typically focuses on the daily aspects of green living, today provides the perfect opportunity to consider the environment on a national scale.

If you have yet to make a decision about which side to support, consider taking a strong look at each major party candidate's stance on energy and the environment.

The Obama-Biden "New Energy for America" plan, according to Democratic Party candidate Barack Obama's official Web site, aims to create 5 million green-collar jobs, establish a national goal on energy efficiency and focus on American energy. Over the next 10 years, \$150 billion would be invested in clean energy, saving more oil than currently is imported from the Middle East and Venezuela combined.

A cap-and-trade greenhouse gas emissions program would reduce emissions by 80 percent by the year 2050, making the U.S. a leader in climate-change efforts.

The plan sets a goal of having renewable resources provide 10 percent of U.S. electricity needs by 2012, increasing to 25 percent by 2025. The Obama-Biden plan also advocates for having 1 million plug-in hybrid cars on the road by the year 2015.

Check out [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com) for more details about environmental plans and other issues.

According to Republican Party candidate John McCain's official Web site, he hopes to expand the domestic production and exploration of oil and natural gas in the U.S. by tapping into the trillions of dollars worth of reserves located in the country.

His energy plan also outlines reformation of the transportation sector to decrease dependence on foreign oil, including the issuance of a "Clean Car Challenge" to American automakers to encourage the production of zero-carbon-emission automobiles.

Alternative energies of choice include clean-coal technologies and nuclear power plants.

The McCain-Palin ticket also supports a cap-and-trade system for emissions and has outlined a timeline for reductions.

For instance, by 2012, the U.S. would reduce its emissions to 2005 levels and by 2050 our emissions would be 66 percent below 2005 levels.

Check out [www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/](http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/) for more details about environmental plans and other issues.

As you can see, each candidate has put considerable thought into both energy and environmental policy. I urge you to visit their Web sites to do more thorough research on the similarities and differences you can find in their policy proposals.

We must be sure that whoever the next president is, they do enough for both energy and the environment.

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# Smarty cat

## K-State freshman wins \$50,000 on game show; plans to use prize money to pay for tuition, trip



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Riley Hicks, freshman in apparel marketing, recently won \$100,000 with Eric Lutz, a freshman at Friends University in Wichita, on the Fox show "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" Hicks' portion of the money, \$50,000, will go towards paying her college tuition.

By Annie Dwyer  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

If you asked Riley Hicks how she was paying for college a few months ago, she would have told you through an athletic scholarship from the K-State rowing team and student loans.

Today, Hicks, freshman in apparel marketing, has an extra \$50,000 in her pocket to pay for her tuition.

Earlier this year, Hicks flew to Los Angeles for a taping of the Fox show "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" Hicks and her teammate Eric Lutz, both 2008 graduates of Derby High School, near Wichita, were contestants for the show's prom king and queen episode.

"When my mom first told me we would be interviewed to be on the show, it was unbelievable," Hicks said. "They usually pick people from California, because that's where the show is."

Several of the pair's friends said the news that Hicks and Lutz, a freshman at Friends University in Wichita, were going to be on national television came as quite a shock.

"I thought she was joking, I mean, I really thought she was lying," said Wes Georgeson, freshmen in international agribusiness. "Then, her mom told me it was true, and I guess I had to believe her after that."

Georgeson said he joined Hicks and Lutz on the trip along with Lutz's parents and two other friends, Natalie Wells, freshman in open option, and Michelle Wilkie, freshman at Stevens College in Columbia, Mo.

Because they had never visited that part of the U.S., Georgeson said it was exciting to visit California and the beach.

He also said some of the best parts of the experience included seeing a completely different culture than that of Kansas and meeting famous people, including comedian and host Jeff Foxworthy.

"It was a big culture shock for most of us — we're Kansas kids," Georgeson said. "But the people were friendlier than we thought they would be; it was a lot of fun."

The group was in Los Angeles for four days, because taping the show took longer than the 20 minutes the two were on television.

Preparation included a long process of hair, make-up and clothes fitting; it took hours before they were ready to shoot.

At first, Hicks and Lutz admitted to being nervous and not knowing what to expect.

In the end, they agreed it was well worth the

trouble.

"Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" consists of asking contestants questions they should have learned the answers to between the first and fifth grades.

There are two questions per grade, and each contestant can rely on a fifth-grade classmate to help them.

The team made it to the \$175,000 question but decided to drop out when they didn't know the answer. However, Lutz and Hicks still walked away with \$100,000 to split for the questions they did answer correctly.

"It was really unbelievable to see the bar go up more and more," Hicks said. "We were actually playing for real money, and we'll get a check for what we win."

The team's final question was about fourth-grade ancient history; the two were asked for the name of the South American empire located in Cuzco, Peru; the answer was the Incan Empire.

Both Hicks and Lutz said they did not know the correct answer and chose to drop out rather than risk a wrong answer and losing \$75,000.

"My first thoughts were '40 percent is going to taxes,'" Lutz said. "I couldn't believe we didn't know that question. I thought we could win more."

Both winners said they were grateful for the opportunity to win money that they could use to pay for school.

Hicks said she also will use part of the winnings for a spring break trip with her sorority.

"I told [Hicks] she was going to buy me a car that day," Georgeson said. "It took a while to set in that they had won that much money. It didn't hit us until we were on the way back to the hotel."

### CURIOUS HOW THEY WON \$50,000?

To watch Riley Hicks and Eric Lutz win on the October 24 episode of the game show "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?" visit [kstatecollegian.com](http://kstatecollegian.com) for video.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

HUDSON FAMILY MOURNS AT PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICE



Hundreds of mourners streamed into a private funeral service for Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson's slain mother, brother and nephew Monday at a South Side church in Chicago.

A composed Hudson paused before the bodies of her relatives before giving her mother a final kiss, attendees of the invitation-only service said.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and the Rev. Jesse Jackson were among those who spoke at the three-hour service.

Small blue tickets that read "Hudson Family Funeral" were needed to enter the massive Apostolic Church of God, but that did not deter crowds of onlookers who gathered outside.

During the service, "American Idol" winner Fantasia Barrino sang the gospel song "Your Grace and Mercy," and at one point left the stage to take Jennifer Hudson's hand and sing directly to her, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Police directed traffic around the building, keeping passersby across the street from its large front parking lot and away from those attending the services for Darnell Hudson Donerson, 57, Jason Hudson, 29, and Julian King, 7.

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JOAQUIN PHOENIX DECIDES TO QUIT THE MOVIE BIZ



The writing on Joaquin Phoenix's fists said it all.

The words "Good Bye" were penned on the actor's knuckles at a premiere Saturday night for his latest film, "Two Lovers," and Phoenix confirmed a surprise announcement he made last week: He's giving up movies.

"I think it's just moving on. It's re-discovering something else," Phoenix, 34, said in an interview with Associated Press Television News before Saturday's American Film Institute festival, which also premiered "Che," starring Benicio Del Toro.

"Two Lovers" is his last film, he said. His publicist had disclosed Friday that the actor intends to focus on music.

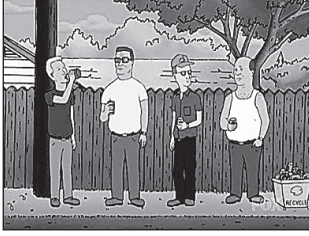
Phoenix first mentioned his decision to "Extra" early last week at a fundraiser in San Francisco. He abruptly ended that interview after the reporter wondered whether he was joking about giving up acting for music.

Phoenix learned to play guitar and did his own singing to play country legend Johnny Cash in "Walk the Line," which earned him an Academy Award nomination. His publicist also said Phoenix has been directing music videos in recent years.

"It's like greener pastures, you know what I mean?" Phoenix said Saturday. "And so, I'm just going to try and like, I'll just be doing the other thing. ... Hopefully, I will emotionally impact you with that as well."

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REIGN ENDS FOR FOX'S 'KING OF THE HILL'



"King of the Hill" is over the hill at Fox, which is canceling the long-running animated comedy.

Final episodes of the half-hour series, now in its thirteenth year, likely will air during the 2009-10 season, Fox said Friday. The network recently ordered 13 new episodes, and animated series have a long production schedule.

"King of the Hill" chronicles the life of blue-collar family man Hank Hill of Texas and his family and friends. Hank is voiced by series co-creator and executive producer Mike Judge. Others in the cast include Kathy Najimy, Brittany Murphy and Stephen Root.

The picture is brighter for another Sunday night animated show on Fox, "American Dad," which was renewed for its fifth season.

Ratings for "King of the Hill" have been relatively flat early this season.

"American Dad" is about Stan Smith, a dedicated conservative, and his oddball family in Langley, Va.

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K-STATE SPORTS NEWS

WOMEN LEAD WAY AT BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

AMES, Iowa – K-State’s cross country teams participated in the Big 12 Championships Saturday in Ames and were led by a sixth place finish for the women’s squad, which scored its best team finish since the 2001 season, while K-State’s men placed 11th.

Junior Beverly Ramos led the Wildcat women with a fourth place individual finish and a 6K time of 20:46.80, while the men were led by senior Danny Schneider with a 57th place finish and an 8K time of 26:14.33.

The sixth-place team finish is the best finish for the women since 2001 when Amy Moritmer led the Wildcats to a fourth place finish. The Wildcats now have four top 10 finishes on the season in five total competitions.

“Our women ran tough and when you run like that you give yourself a great opportunity to be successful,” said head coach Michael Smith. “It wasn’t any one person’s effort; it was a collective team performance that allowed us to capture our goal of finishing in the top half of the conference.”

Ramos was the Wildcats’ top runner for the fifth consecutive event and finished in the top ten for the fifth time this season. Following Ramos for the Cats was senior Liliani Mendez with a 15th place finish and a time of 21:40.25. Sophomore Sydney Messick ran just her second event of the season due to injury and placed 32nd overall with a time of 22:12.55.

Schneider and senior Alex Umberger finished their Big 12 careers leading the Wildcats as they have the previous four events. Schneider was the top runner followed by Umberger, clocking a time of 26:31.53 for a 60th place finish.

K-State will continue the action at the Mid-West Regional Championships Nov. 15 in Stillwater, Okla.

SUNNER FINISHES IN TOP-10 AT WOLF DANCER

LOST PINES, Texas – The K-State women’s golf team was unable to make up any ground on day two and finished the Challenge at Wolfdancer in 14th place on Monday as K-State carded a 330-326-333-989 (+125) on the par 72, 7,205-yard Hyatt Lost Pines Resort Golf Course.

The bright spot of the tournament for the Wildcats was junior Abbi Sunner’s seventh-place finish. Sunner, who was competing as an individual, recorded the best finish by any Wildcat this season with her 54-hole score of 12-over 228 (80-73-75).

Sophomore Elise Houtz finished with K-State’s highest team score, carding an 82-78-85-245 (+29) and finishing in 47th place. Junior Morgan Moon shot a 79-86-85-250 (+34) and finished in a tie for 65th.

WILDCATS WIN MORNING SHOW AT IHSA SHOW

The K-State equestrian team rode home with a first place victory in the Saturday morning IHSA Hunt Seat show at Fox Creek Farms. The Wildcats scored a total of 40 points, while Northern Illinois came in second with 31 points. Wildcat riders received both High Point Rider awards for the morning show, including senior Katie Mellon as High Point Rider and senior Hannah Schroller as Reserve High Point Rider.

For the afternoon show, the Wildcats scored 33 points and came in a close second behind Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, which scored 34 points. Sophomore Jen Rawle was awarded High Point Rider for K-State.

Mellon picked up two big wins for the Wildcats, including Intermediate Equitation on the Flat and Intermediate Equitation over Fences.

“Today has been a really good day for us as a team,” Mellon said. “We needed this because the past couple of shows have been heartbreakers. The horses were great today and we all rode very well. It was a really great day.”

K-State’s Prince is not alone in his fight to remain a D-I head coach

Football coach Ron Prince is squarely on the hot seat in his third season as K-State’s head coach. After a disappointing loss to KU, many fans and donors are calling for his resignation. But Prince is not the only coach in the Big 12 Conference and other major conferences to draw the ire of fans and students.

**Tommy Tuberville – Auburn**  
**Career record at Auburn: 84-38 (4-5 this season)**  
**Salary: \$2,825,000**

Tommy Tuberville might be the next coach to go in the NCAA. Entering his 10th season at Auburn, expectations were high for Tuberville. But this season has been a big disappointment for the Tigers, as they have lost four games in a row and five of their last six games. In the four previous seasons, Tuberville coached the Tigers to a 42-9 record (.824 winning percentage) and the team was ranked in the top 10 in most preseason polls. After starting with two cupcakes, the Tigers have struggled to get two wins, beating Mississippi State, 3-2 – no, that’s not a baseball score – and beating lowly Tennessee, 14-12. With games against Georgia and at No. 1 Alabama, the team could fail to make a bowl this season.

**Dan Hawkins – Colorado**  
**Career record at CU: 12-22 (4-5 this season)**  
**Salary: \$1,100,000**

The season started out promising for the Buffaloes after beating then-No. 21 West Virginia in overtime. But then the wheels fell off, and the team has only been able to pull out one win – a 14-13 win against K-State. With games against Oklahoma State and at Nebraska coming up, Colorado will be hard-pressed to make a bowl, and the program might decide to let go of the fiery Hawkins and perhaps lose his son, who is struggling as quarterback.

**Bret Bielema – Wisconsin**  
**Career record at Wisconsin: 25-10 (4-5 this season)**  
**Salary: \$1,400,000**

Heading into the fourth game of the season, the Badgers were ranked in the top 10, ready to compete for a Big 10 Championship. Wisconsin lost the game to a struggling Michigan squad and the team has only tallied one Big 10 win all season, against Illinois. After the team beat Illinois, Wisconsin suffered another setback, losing a devastating 25-24 game to Michigan State. With three winnable games left in the season, Bielema has a chance to salvage a reasonable record and his job. If he loses the remaining two Big 10 games, the fans might boo him out of Madison.

**Steve Kragthorpe – Louisville**  
**Career record at Louisville: 11-9 (5-3 this season)**  
**Salary \$1,450,000**

With a 5-3 record this season, one might wonder why Kragthorpe is on this list, but Louisville’s last game was a loss to Syracuse, probably the most disappointing program in the country during the last few seasons. Louisville struggled to a disappointing 6-6 finish last season with a bevy of NFL Draft picks. With four tough opponents left, another disappointing record could be the end of Kragthorpe’s days as Louisville head coach.



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Football coach Ron Prince has come under attack recently from unhappy K-State fans, but he is not the only head coach facing criticism this month.

COACHES WHO WILL NOT BE BACK FOR 2009

**Tyrone Willingham – Washington**  
**Career record at Washington: 11-33 (0-8 this season)**  
**Salary: \$1,470,000**

Willingham had an abysmal record at Washington. After taking over a program that went 1-10 in 2004, big things were expected out of Willingham – but they never came. Willingham has just six Pac-10 wins in four seasons at Washington. Washington will have a chance to win against struggling Arizona State and Washington State, but it was time for change for the Huskies. No one knows where Willingham will end up, but let’s hope he lands on his feet – Willingham is one of the nicest coaches in college football.

**Phillip Fulmer – Tennessee**  
**Career record at Tennessee: 150-51 (3-6 this season)**  
**Salary: \$2,400,000**

The past few seasons in Knoxville have really left a bad taste in the mouths of many Tennessee fans. After being ranked in the Top 25 in the preseason polls, Tennessee has tumbled to a 3-6 record this season, including an embarrassing 13-9 victory against Northern Illinois. Fulmer won a national championship with the Volunteers in 1998 and had a very impressive career record there, but apparently the fans and administration were ready for change.

-Compiled by Scott Girard

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Bedore, Brown return; Mizzou game to be televised

MAKESHIFT OFFENSIVE LINE

■ The Wildcats went with a different offensive line against KU. Junior right tackle Nick Stringer remained the only regular starter. Junior offensive guard Brock Unruh played left tackle while redshirt freshman Colten Freeze replaced Unruh at guard.



JORDAN BEDORE

■ Senior center Jordan Bedore, who had yet

to play in a Big 12 Conference game due to injury, started for the Wildcats, replacing injured sophomore Zach Kendall.

■ Senior offensive tackle Ben Liu got his first start of the season against the Jayhawks at right guard.

■ The offensive line had allowed seven sacks through eight games, but allowed three on Saturday against the Jayhawks.

“With our consistency in the offensive line we do not talk about injuries and that kind of thing, although we did have a couple that caused us to juggle the lineup a little bit,” coach Ron Prince said. “We just have to play better and play more consistent in there.”

INJURY UPDATE

■ Sophomore running back Lamark Brown played for the first time since Texas Tech. Brown ran for 68 yards on 21 carries, while scoring a career-high three touchdowns. Brown had been out with a staph infection in his knee.

■ Junior cornerback Blair Irvin did not

play against KU due to injury.

DEPTH CHART SHAKE-UP

■ Junior punter George Pierson is now listed ahead of sophomore D.J. Fulhage on the depth chart. Pierson punted three times for an average of 41.7 yards per kick against KU.

KICK-OFF TIMES

■ The K-State vs. Missouri game Saturday will be televised by Fox Sports Net at 6 p.m. The Wildcats are 1-5 in televised games this year, with the one win coming against Montana State on Fox College Sports.

■ The K-State vs. Nebraska game will not be televised next week. Sports information director Kenny Lannou said the athletic department is exploring other options such as Fox College Sports or coverage through pay-per-view. Kickoff time has yet to be announced.

-Compiled by Cole Manbeck

Politicians should stay away from athletes’ endorsements



OWEN KENNEDY

November is football season; November is election season.

Rarely do the two seasons mingle with each other, since a conversation about 50-yard field goals doesn’t easily transition into a conversation about the tax rate of the top 1 percent of Americans. But this election season has been broken down and

analyzed among every voter demographic.

With all of these groups being observed, it is difficult to find a new field in which to poll. Luckily, one demographic hasn’t been picked apart: football players, coaches and owners.

The 2008 presidential election has already had a dramatic effect on Miami Dolphins owner H. Wayne Huizenga. While he has not officially endorsed a presidential candidate, Huizenga said he will try to sell his major share of the team if Sen. Barack Obama wins, according to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Huizenga sold 50 percent of his share of the team earlier this year, according to the Sun-

Sentinel, and he said he will eventually sell another 45 percent in the future. He said, however, that he will try to sell that share more quickly if Obama wins the election. His reasoning is that he believes Obama would double the capital-gains tax. If the team is sold before Obama’s tax plans are implemented, Huizenga would get more for the team, he said.

There are members of the league – owners and players – who have openly endorsed John McCain, but their reasons have been more vague. McCain found support in battleground state Ohio from Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn and offensive lineman Joe Thomas. Hall-of-Famers John Elway and

Troy Aikman also jumped behind McCain, but these endorsements seem to be more of a battleground-state popularity contest among stars, which is a good way to win voters.

Obama has executed a similar strategy, winning the endorsements of LeBron James and Chad “Ocho Cinco” Johnson, also sports icons in Ohio.

It’s ironic that the owner, Huizenga, who has not endorsed a candidate, is the person with the most incentive to do so. Candidates are sending athletes with no interest in politics out into the fan base to sway voters, when the owners have real reason to support one candidate over the other.

This proves the

irrelevance of celebrity and athlete endorsements: People who are popular aren’t always right. Politics and football should keep their distance from one another. Seeing the Super Bowl winners shaking hands with the president is often enough mixing of these American institutions. Hopefully, you have a stronger motive to vote for someone than to do so because Brady Quinn said so. But whatever your reason, go vote; election season and football season will be over before you know it.

Owen Kennedy is a senior in business management. Please send comments to [sports@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:sports@spub.ksu.edu).

# BOOZE | Students say use remains steady

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The report contends that drinks consumed per week increased from 2.8 in 1996 to 4.5 in 2006.

In 2003, Join Together reported that college students “are way too liberal in their definitions of single services of alcohol,” which leads students to report drinking less than they are in reality.

“More and more people are coming to class and talking about how drunk they got the night before,” said Amanda Nolan, senior in dietetics. “In my opinion, I don’t think it’s decreased as far as a college demo-

graphic goes.”

Statistics released by Alcohol and Other Drug Education Services at K-State demonstrated that citations for driving under the influence in Manhattan have remained fairly constant between 1986 and 2003, with the most in 2002 with 698 and the fewest in 1996 with 420. These findings do not reflect what researchers reported in Ellison’s study.

“Maybe as college students get older, it might be decreasing, if you looked at seniors or fifth-years, it might decrease with maturity,” Nolan said. “But other than that, I’d say it’s stayed the same or increased as far as being a problem.”

# PHOTOJOURNALIST | Experiences offer hope for change

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women living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

There were photos depicting women in recovery beds after surgeries to help them recover from brutal attacks. Allen said women between the ages of three and 80 were so savagely raped that they were literally falling apart. She used the term “femicide” – the systematic annihilation of the female species.

“These are the women whose bodies have been torn apart but their spirits have not

been,” Allen said. “I look at these pictures and think if they can get up and dance, then we really can get up and dance.”

Allen’s first visit to the DRC was in May 2007. She returned in November of that year as City of Joy, a community where these women could recover, was nearly completed.

“We were able to facilitate this happening in the middle of a genocide,” Allen said. “This just proves that anything is possible with the right intentions. There’s nothing you can’t do.”

David Brock, Manhattan resident, said

the event was thought-provoking.

“I really enjoyed it,” he said. “The one thing I wish would have been mentioned is that in each of these tragic situations, the violence is done by men. People think it’s a women’s problem and it’s not. It’s the men’s.”

Allen said her chosen path can be difficult but she does not believe in being stoic.

“The greatest possibility of hope comes for me in the stories of women,” she said. “Women are refusing to be silenced. They are demanding accountability of their governments. We really need to see this happen.”

# SMOKING BAN | Group offers alternative plan to ease business concerns

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AJ’s NY Pizzeria, is relatively indifferent to the ordinance, though he does oppose the twenty-foot stipulation.

“I came from New York City, and when public smoking was banned there in 2003, there was little, if any, economic effect on local businesses,” he said. “I don’t anticipate much difference here.”

An alternative ordinance has been developed by Citizens for Reasonable Ordinances, which has been urging voters to “review, reject, rewrite.”

“If we had taken the initiative ourselves a year ago to formulate a more favorable ordinance of our own, the current one never would have reached the ballot. For a long time there has been discussion of such a law coming to pass, and public opinion is clearly headed in that direction,” Markle said.

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# K-State dance team encourages pride in tradition, success

By Tiffany Roney  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though the K-State Classy Cats often present new routines, the troupe is far from new, and its team spirit is steeped in tradition.

The Pridettes, the first incarnation of K-State's dance team, began performing in 1971, under the direction of Gyll Bates, Manhattan resident. According to the Royal Purple Yearbook, the name changed to Wildcat Dancers and then eventually to Classy Cats in 1992.

Bates, owner of Bates Dance Studio in Manhattan, said she gauged the success of the team through stuffed animals. After each game, a council judged each of the performing groups.

"The ones that did the best would get a big stuffed Wildcat, and the ones that did the worst would get a Jayhawk," she said. "There were several times we got the Wildcat, so that was good."

Susan Shankweiler, Manhattan resident and former Pridette member, said the student body was very supportive of the Pridettes.

"We were pretty tight with the cheerleaders and the band," Shankweiler said. "During my apartment days, we had them over a lot."

However, according to a March 6, 1986, Collegian article, when the team's

name was Wildcat Dancers, relations were not always so pleasant with the K-State athletic department.

Kenny Mossman, then an administrative assistant with the athletic department, said in the article the group was performing without insurance because it was unclear whether the athletic department or the band was responsible for the squad.

According to the article, Julie Pierson, who was then the sponsor and captain of the Wildcat Dancers, said the team was not being supported fairly.

"The athletic department doesn't want us out there — they want a JV squad," Pierson said. "They say we do a good job, but then why do they want to get rid of us? It's like a slap in the face."

A compromise was eventually reached, and the dancers continued to represent K-State.

Bates, who coached the team for 11 years, said the name "Pridettes" was chosen by a penny-jar vote in the K-State Student Union.

The team once performed at a Kansas City Chiefs game in Dallas.

"We actually got to meet the football team," Shankweiler said. "We have pictures with them."

Bates also said the band and dance team performed at the Wimby Soccer Na-

tional Tournament in London in 1979.

"We would practice in parking lots," Bates said. "It was a fantastic experience."

Shankweiler said the trip that influenced her the most was with the American Scholastic Drill Team Association. She said she was chosen to participate on the team because of her experience with the Pridettes. The ASDTA spent the summer of 1979 traveling throughout the Midwest, teaching camps for high school students.

Shankweiler said it was an important time for her development as an adult.

"We lived in college dorms across the United States and gained more independence," she said. "We drove as a group, and you had to take care of yourself."

In addition to the fun experiences, the Pridettes provided health benefits for their members. Shankweiler, an ovarian cancer survivor, said her involvement with dance is one reason she is alive today.

"I am interested in health because I am interested in dance," Shankweiler said. "They caught the cancer early because of my diet and exercise."

Shankweiler said she now uses her passion for health as a nurse at Lafene Health Center. Bates said many Pridette members are



Before the K-State dancers were known as the Classy Cats, they went by the names Pridettes and Wildcat Dancers. They started performing in 1971 under Gyll Bates, Manhattan resident.

now successful members of their communities.

Barb Kruger, wife of former K-State men's basketball coach Lon Kruger, is a former Pridette. Bates said another former Pridette, Lisa Mayes, owns a dance studio in Texas.

Shankweiler said she likes to emphasize the importance of dance as more than just another activity.

"I think the dance team, the cheerleaders and the band are critical to all our sports at K-State," she said. "They're vital to the whole spirit of sports. It's just another component of what makes this university great."

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